**Paragraph 1 INTRODUCTION**

Start with a narrative hook.

Write using the inverted pyramid going from general to specific. (see notes)

Last sentence is your thesis. Your thesis needs to have three topics.

Example: The humpback whale’s population is decreasing because of poaching, the oceans becoming polluted and their migratory patterns.

**Topic 1**

First sentence (topic sentence) must contain the first topic of your thesis.

Example: The humpback whale’s population is decreasing because of poaching.

Next you must present quoted material, punctuated correctly (MLA), that proves your topic.

Explain why this quoted material proves this part of your thesis.

**(new paragraph)**

Next you must provide another piece of research that proves your topic. This material may be paraphrased (punctuated correctly in MLA style) or explained in your own words. Do not plagiarize!

Explain why this quoted material proves this part of your thesis.

To end the paragraph you must include a transition sentence to introduce the next topic in your thesis.

Example: The humpback whale’s population is decreasing because of poaching.

**Paragraph 4-5**

First sentence (topic sentence) must contain the second topic of your thesis.

Example: The humpback whale’s population is decreasing because the oceans are becoming more polluted.

Next you must present quoted material, punctuated correctly (MLA), that proves your topic.

Explain why this quoted material proves this part of your thesis.

**(new paragraph)**

Next you must provide another piece of research that proves your topic. This material may be paraphrased (punctuated correctly in MLA style) or explained in your own words. Do not plagiarize!

Explain why this quoted material proves this part of your thesis.

To end the paragraph you must include a transition sentence to introduce the next topic in your thesis.

Example: The humpback whale’s population is decreasing because of their migratory patterns.

**Paragraph 6-7**

First sentence (topic sentence) must contain the third topic of your thesis.

Example: The humpback whale’s population is decreasing because of their migratory patterns

Next you must present quoted material, punctuated correctly (MLA), that proves your topic.

Explain why this quoted material proves this part of your thesis.

**(new paragraph)**

Next you must provide another piece of research that proves your topic. This material may be paraphrased (punctuated correctly in MLA style) or explained in your own words. Do not plagiarize!

Explain why this quoted material proves this part of your thesis.

**Last Paragraph CONCLUSION**

First sentence must be your thesis sentence or your thesis rewritten into a slightly different form.

\*Summarize one of your supporting details for topic #1 in your thesis

\*Summarize one of your supporting details for topic #2 in your thesis

\*Summarize one of your supporting details for topic #3 in your thesis

Last sentences in this paragraph you need to make your final statements about your topic.

Example: The hump back whale is becoming an endangered species because of the carelessness of man. This species can be saved if mankind cared enough to pass laws protecting these beautiful creatures. How hard would it be to control the poaching, stop the pollution of our oceans and change the shipping lanes. What is more important, money or an entire living species that shares this planet with us?

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